



**PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION:**

Chief Harper called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

Secretary Tonya Mathews declared a quorum with all members present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to approve the minutes of October 1, 2019, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**MONTHLY TRIBAL/PROGRAM REPORTS:**

**Peoria Ridge Golf Course:**

Milton Hale, Peoria Ridge Golf Superintendent, reported on the following:

- Upcoming events and tournaments
- Course maintenance
- Buffalo Run Casino assisting with staff for the bar/grill
- Buffalo Run Casino assisting with marketing
- Provided an overview of rounds played for the month

**Tribal Enterprises:**

Patrick Browne, Buffalo Run Casino Chief Executive Officer, reported:

- He has completed 30 days and is very optimistic
- Analysis of reports are ongoing and implementation will begin in the near future
- Leadership team will begin confidence building within departments
- Developing employee satisfaction as that leads to customer satisfaction which leads to increased revenue
- Review of contracts and vendors

**Buffalo Run Hotel:**

Kristi Riggs, Buffalo Run Hotel General Manager, reported:

- Occupancy rate
- Truck Driver rate had been added
- Average Daily Rate (ADR) has increased
- Expenses are decreasing

- Developing employees and their roles
- Adding a sundries area at the front desk area
- Landscaping update

**Buffalo Run Casino:**

Steve Bashore, Buffalo Run Casino General Manager, reported:

- Employee/Security entrance had been upgraded
- Joe’s Outback had been cleaned from top to bottom
- Training in Security/Surveillance had been completed
- Barracades in the parking lot, from semi trucks, had been moved and traffic has increased
- Overview of hold on machines and win on table games
- Food & Beverage update – changing evening buffet and providing new options at various food venues on property
- Marketing Director had been hired
- New promotions had been implemented

**Financial Reports:**

Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the financial reports for September 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/PROGRAM REPORTS:**

Chief Harper reviewed the administrative report for the month of October, providing a brief recap of the month’s activities:

- Attendance at NIGA (National Indian Gaming Association) Mid-Year meeting where a resolution was passed in support of the Oklahoma tribes and the compacting issue
- Attended NTHS, ITC, NCAI, Indigenous Day Activities, and Veterans Day events
- Children’s Christmas Party preparations are happening
- Traveled to Washington DC for ITBC meetings
- The offices would be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Members recommended for Approval by the Enrollment Committee on 10/10/2019 tentatively to be approved by the Business Committee on 11/05/2019 or at Next Regularly Scheduled or Special Meeting:** Motion was made by Hank Downum and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve New Members as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution R-11-05-19-A, “Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll”:** Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve Resolution R-11-05-19-A as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution R-11-05-18-B, “Authorization for Signatures with First National Bank and Trust Company of Miami, Oklahoma for Accounts Entitled Buffalo Run Hotel”:** Motion as made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-11-05-19-B as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution R-11-05-19-C, “Authorization and Signatures with First National Bank and Trust Company of Miami, Oklahoma for Accounts Entitled Buffalo Run Casino”:** Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve Resolution R-11-05-19-D as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution R-11-05-19-D, “Authorization and Signatures with Security Bank and Trust Company of Miami, Oklahoma for Accounts Entitled Buffalo Run Casino”:** Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-11-05-19-E as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution R-11-05-19-E, “Request for Transfer of Funds from Peoria Tribal Tax Commission Account to Tribal Enterprises Account”:** Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum to approve Resolution R-11-05-19-E as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution R-11-05-19-F, “Resolution for Continued Support of the Title VI Part A- Supportive and Nutritional Services for Older Native Americans and for Support of Part C- Native American Caregiver Support Program”:** Motion was made by Kara North and seconded by Carolyn Ritchey to approve Resolution R-11-05-19-F as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Approval of Cultural Preservation Department Strategic Plan 2020-2025:** Motion was made by Isabella Burrell and seconded by Kara North approve the Cultural Preservation Department Strategic Plan 2020-2025 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**“Resolution R-11-05-19-G, “Submit the Oklahoma Preservation Grant Application”:** Motion was made by Logan Pappenfort and seconded by Kara North to approve Resolution R-11-05-19-G as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/Approval to purchase NEO Foundation Property:** Motion was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Logan Pappenfort to approve the purchase of NEO Foundation Property. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public Comments were provided by Peoria Tribal Citizens:

Chuck Knighton stated:

- This was the first time he had attended a Business Committee meeting and would like to thank the Business Committee for the work they do.
- He was excited about the Cultural Preservation Department and their current work.

Annette Black stated:

- She wanted to thank the Business Committee for their work.
- She inquired about the documents discussed in the Cultural Preservation Department discussion, are the documents copies or originals. She was advised they are originals.
- If the Tribe is trying to get items of cultural significance are we prepared to keep or store them?

- Second Chief Pappenfort responded that the Tribe is not prepared to take physical possession of them, but has been in conversation with ISM and they would assist in the curation and storage.

Wess Farless stated:

- He would like information on revitalizing the committees
  - Chief Harper responded that there is planning going on to establish funding and then a call out to tribal members would be administered. The committees would need to establish a plan, with input from the Tribe, and then the plan could be administered.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No call for Executive Session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Ritchey and seconded by Hank Downum. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Authorized Signature

12-03-19

Date Approved